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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LUMPKIN NAMES COFFEY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS FOR 1995

CHARLESTON --Eastern Illinois University's Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences will recognize John P. Coffey, vice president for personnel at the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Bloomington, as its 1995 Distinguished Alumnus in Business.

Coffey will be honored at a luncheon on April 23 and will be recognized at the college's annual awards ceremony to be held at 2 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the University Union. The awards ceremony is open to the public.

An Illinois native, Coffey received his bachelor's degree from Lewis University in Lockport and master's degree in business administration from Eastern in 1971.

Coffey joined State Farm in 1971 as an education and training coordinator at the home office. He advanced to superintendent of home office personnel by 1976 before moving to the St. Paul, Minn., office in 1978 as regional personnel manager. He returned to corporate headquarters in 1981 as general personnel consultant. He was promoted to manager of direct compensation in 1982 and

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director of compensation and systems in 1987. In 1990, he was appointed assistant vice president for personnel and executive assistant for operations in the President's Office in 1991. He assumed his present position in 1992.

Coffey is chairman of the board for the State Farm Illinois Credit Union and is vice president of the McLean County Chamber of Commerce board. He has been an elected member of school boards in Bloomington and Columbia Heights, Minn.

He also has served on the board of directors for the Junior Football League and the Central Illinois High School Hockey Association.

Coffey is a member of the Society of Human Resource Management and is listed in Who's Who in Business, in the Midwest.

The Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences 1994 Distinguished Alumnus was Robert Ingram of Durham, N.C., president and CEO of Glaxo, Inc., a worldwide pharmaceutical company.